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**Rep. Neubaauer Debuts Pride Month Bill**  
***Legislation protects crime victims from discrimination  
based on gender or sexual identity***

MADISON – Today, Representative Greta Neubaauer (D-Racine) joined the Wisconsin Legislative LGBT Caucus and allies in releasing the 2019 Equality Agenda in honor of Pride Month. Rep. Neubaauer introduced a new bill authored with Reps. Marisabel Cabrera (D-Milwaukee), Rep. Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), and Sen. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) eliminating the so-called “Gay” or “Trans Panic” defense. Neubaauer released the following statement:

“I am so proud to stand together with the LGBT Caucus and guests to bring this important legislation today,” Neubaauer said. “The Equality Package represents a diversity of priorities aimed at increasing equality for our LGBTQ+ neighbors in Racine and across our state.”

“I am especially proud to introduce LRB 2490 along with Representatives Cabrera and Novak and Senator Carpenter. This bill would eliminate the so-called “Gay Panic” or “Trans Panic” defense, which discriminates against crime victims based on their gender or sexual identity. It’s unacceptable today that criminal defendants can further discriminate against victims based on their LGBTQ+ identity, and I’m committed to working to end this abhorrent practice,” Neubaauer concluded.

Carl Hubbard, Board President of Racine’s own LGBT Center of Southeast Wisconsin, also spoke at the press conference, stating “The bills are paper. The lives that these bills will impact are real.”

*A Racine press conference with further details regarding LRB 2490 and the Equality Package will take place in Racine on June 17th, 2019. Further information will follow.*

*The full 2019 Equality Agenda is attached, including summaries of each bill included in the package.*

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